



Sault College News Release

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Becoming Job Ready at Sault College

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON February 7, 2012) Planning your employment future? Find out from local and regional employers about potential careers and employment opportunities.

The Sault College Job and Career Fair will take place on Tuesday, February 14th from 11:00am to 5:00pm in Essar Hall on Sault College's main campus. Over 50 exhibitors including local and provincial employers as well as community agencies involved in job search and career development will meet with students, alumni and members of the community throughout the day.

Sault College's Employment Solutions staff, funded by Employment Ontario, will also be available to provide clients with a one-stop access to all the employment services and programs job seekers may require.

Unique to this year's event, graduates of Sault College will be returning to share their career stories with current students as well as to recruit future employees.

Wayne Thompson is one of the alumni returning to campus. Having attended Sault College's forestry program in 1972, Thompson will be representing the Ministry of Natural Resources Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services at the event. Says Thompson on why he plans to attend the Job Fair, "These events are important to me as they give me an opportunity to meet with students, to outline how I was able to gain employment and to highlight all aspects of a

career within Fire Management. I get to explain the opportunities that exist for those looking to pursue a career in the Aviation, Forest Fire and Emergency Services divisions of the Ministry of Natural Resources. As a grad, it also gives me the chance to reconnect with the College – a place where I was introduced to the forestry program, where I met lifelong friends and where I discovered my skills. It's a privilege to be invited and to participate in this great day."

Deidre Monaghan is another graduate of the College who will be returning to the campus for the one-day event. Having studied in the Business, Human Resources Practices, Business Management, Integrated Resources Management Technologist and Forestry Technician programs, Monaghan has used her education to manage a wilderness lodge and outfitter operations.

"Career fairs are a great opportunity for both students and employers to network and initiate communications that result in mutual gains in future employment relationships regardless of what stage you are at in your career," states Monaghan.

This event will share not only visiting employers' valuable career advice with students and alumni, but also showcase all the exciting physical changes and expanded programming happening at Sault College.

This event is sponsored by the Student Job Centre at Sault College in partnership with Employment Solutions, the Sault College Students' Union and the Algoma Workforce Investment Committee. The event is open to the general public as well as all Sault College students and alumni, and is free to enter.

About Sault College

Sault College transforms the lives of students through providing innovative education and training, and granting Ontario College certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, graduate certificates, and degrees to its graduates. The College is the largest deliverer of apprenticeship training in all of Northern Ontario.

Maclean's magazine has ranked the College at the top of the province in graduate satisfaction, with 85% of graduates saying that they were highly satisfied with their education at the College. Educating over 4,500 students each year, Sault College has a significant economic impact on the community, with spin-offs in excess of \$100 million. Over \$2 million dollars in scholarships, bursaries and awards is distributed annually to students at the College. Located on the border to the United States and situated in the middle of three of the largest great lakes on the planet, Sault College is one of 24 publicly-funded colleges in the province of Ontario. Nearly 85% of graduates are employed within six months of graduation. Visit our website at www.saultcollege.ca to learn more.

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